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## **AGENDA**

### **HISTORIC SITES BOARD**

### **November 17, 2003**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

##### **ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE**

##### **A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information**

- Excused Absences
- Other General Information

##### **B. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

##### **C. Approval of October Board Minutes.**

##### **D. Reports**

##### **E. Announcements**

##### **ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Public Comment**

##### **B. Presentations**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 3– CHARLES A. SHAFFER RESIDENCE**

**Applicant:** Mililani Smythe

**Location:** 5610 La Crescenta, Rancho Santa Fe

**Description:** The Charles A. Shaffer residence, completed in 1927, is a Spanish Colonial Revival traditional house designed by well-known architect Lilian Rice. This residence is one and one half stories, 5,060 square feet of living space designed in a “U” shape with a patio and recreation area with lush foliage at the center rear of the living area. An interesting design element added by Lilian Rice is a rectangular bell tower to the southwest corner of the home as a part of the main façade; the bell tower is reached by a stairwell reminiscent of those at California Missions. While the tower contains a real bell, it also serves as a viewpoint for the surrounding countryside. The Shaffer home was registered on the National Register of Historic Places as an Individual Property (1S) on August 5, 1991.

**Todays Action:** Recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract for the Charles A. Shaffer residence.

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract for this property.

### **ITEM 4 – MT HELIX SITE PLAN WAIVERS**

For some time, the homeowners of Halo Circle, a private street near the top of Mt. Helix, have had a serious problem with illegal parking along the stone wall on Mt. Helix Drive just above Halo Circle. Other problems include loud music, loitering and trash much of which is tossed over the wall on to private property. Although parking is prohibited on the street and along the wall, “No Parking” signs and the infrequent patrols of the sheriff and Highway Patrol have failed to deter or minimize the problem. The proposed solution by the homeowners is to construct a black-clad, chain-link fence behind the wall, but angled over the center of the wall and extending three feet above the wall. Plant foliage would then be planted to grow onto and over the fence, eventually hiding it altogether. It is expected that the fence and subsequent foliage would minimize the view, thus discouraging the illegal parking. The owners are requesting an “H” Designator waiver of Site Plan Review. Before the Department can make a final decision on their request, the project must be presented to the Historic Site Board for a recommendation.

**Todays Action:** This project was continued from the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The continuance was to allow the property owners to consult with Landscape Architect

Steve Estrada for a more visually friendly fencing that will deter loitering and vandalism while at the same time still allow sightseeing.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the site plan waivers.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **ITEM 5 – CAC WATERFRONT PARK COMMENTS**

The Ad Hoc committee from both the County of San Diego's Historic Site Board and the City of San Diego's Historic Resources Board are reviewing the site plans for the Waterfront Park. HSB's ad hoc committee members will discuss their comments on the site plans.

### **OTHER**

#### **ITEM 6 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, December 15, 2003

#### **ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT**